

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 17, 2008

**Library  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$90,000 in grant funds from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for a total grant amount of \$200,000 for the Loan Star Libraries Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget, Library Department Special Revenue Fund, of Ordinance No. 20070910-003 to appropriate \$90,000 for the Loan Star Libraries Grant Program.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant period is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Dana McBee, Financial Manager / 974-7433

**Prior Council Action:** Council approved the grant as part of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for \$110,000 and 2.00 FTEs on September 10, 2007.

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The Loan Star Libraries Grant Program provides funding for a full-time webmaster to develop and maintain an interactive Youth Services website, the Austin Public Library website, the Austin Public Library's internal Intranet site, and the Library's on-line Web Catalog FindIt. It also provides funding for a full-time Public Information Specialist to assist with organizing, planning, directing, and coordinating the disbursement of news and information to the general public and the media regarding the Austin Public Library's programs and services. Funding also helps advertise our youth web page, youth programs, and our other websites and programming. Additional literacy programs and support for the Summer Reading Program are also provided.